



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE February 1, 2012

Student Participation Reports NOW AVAILABLE via Online Link

The 2011-12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Participation Reports (*formerly called the Enrollment Reports*) are now available for completion via an online link.

The link is posted on the Secondary CTE web page and located here:

<http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/345142/1aa5/>

Any high school district planning to apply for Perkins and/or state CTE funding for the upcoming 2012-13 school year must submit participation reports by all teachers for all CTE programs at your high school. Please make sure that each CTE instructor completes the report and electronically submits it to the OPI by the due date: Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

The data collected from these Participation Reports is used for Carl D. Perkins accountability reporting and factors that determine the state CTE allocation funding formula. Therefore, it is imperative that the information submitted on these reports is complete and accurate. Incomplete, missing, or inaccurate data reporting will affect your district's FY13 state CTE/Perkins allocations. For more information or assistance with this online report, please contact Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist, Email: dfiedler@mt.gov Phone: 406.444.9019.

Agriculture Education

FFA

It is full speed ahead for the State FFA Association. The state officer team spend the weekend attending the KMON judging events, which included the State Meats Career Development Event won by the Flathead FFA. They also took the opportunity to plan the state convention with their parents and then traveled to Helena to meet with Supt. Denise Juneau, Dr. Brad King, the Department of Agriculture, Lt. Governor John Bohlinger, and the Montana Army National Guard. The MANG is a major sponsor of the state convention and will be highlighted during an evening convention session. **FFA information submitted by Bill Jimmerson, Montana FFA Association, Phone: 406.994.7050; e-mail: bjimmerson@metnet.mt.gov.**

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Business Education

Montana BPA State Leadership Conference

For the past two month's Montana's Business Professionals of America chapters have been competing in their region's regional leadership conferences. All eight of Montana's regions have successfully completed their regional competitive events which saw nearly 1600 of Montana's high school student compete in contests in over 50



categories, under the four assessment areas of Finance, Information Technology, Administrative Support, and Management/Marketing/Human Resources.

The Workplace Skills Assessment Program is an integral part of Business Professionals of America. The goal of the program is to provide all business students with the opportunity to demonstrate workplace skills learned through business education curricula. Students will demonstrate occupational competencies; broaden knowledge, skills, and attitudes; expand leadership and human relation skills; demonstrate a competitive spirit; and receive recognition.

Now, both students and local chapter advisors are preparing for the 2012 State Leadership Conference. The 2012 State Leadership Conference, *Unmask Your Future*, will be held March 11-13 in Billings. In addition to competing in competitive events, students will also be participating in leadership workshops, the Statesman Torch Awards program, and the campaigning and election process to elect the 2012-2013 State Officer Team.

Colstrip BPA Advisor Earns BPA Local Certified Advisor Designation

Colstrip High School BPA Co-Advisor Jeannette Barreto has completed and earned the first ever BPA Local Certified Advisor Designation. The members completed six hours of online webinar training and participated in six online discussion forums. The program was host to over 15 BPA advisors, however, only 3 have completed the program in its entirety.

The Advisor Leadership Training Series allows new advisors to gain new skills, returning advisors to freshen up their skills and by participating in a six-part Local Advisor Leadership Development Webinar Series. The webinars address everything you wanted to know as a local chapter advisor and prepare you for success in the BPA classroom. Topics include general BPA knowledge, making BPA co-curricular in the classroom, membership recruitment/registration/retainment, and BPA Leadership Development offerings.

Register today to attend all sessions and become a TRAINED advisor. Upon completion of the full series and participation in discussion threads, you will receive a Letter of Completion, TRAINED pin and recognition during the BPA Membership year online and at the National Leadership Conference.

Montana DECA

Montana DECA is in full swing with our State Conference less than a month away! The conference will be held February 12-14, 2012, in Helena at the Red Lion Colonial Inn. We have 10 schools from across the state, and around 300 students that will be participating. Students will be competing in hopes of becoming eligible to attend the National Conference in Salt Lake City, UT at the end of April.

Our State Conference Program Cover Design winner this year was Rebecca Norman from Sentinel High School. Rebecca received a \$50 first place prize for her creative design.

Whitefish High School DECA reached the Peak Level in the national membership campaign. In order to reach this level, Whitefish DECA had to recruit at least 12 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment and one reached by less than 125 schools from across the country!! **Montana DECA information submitted by Montana DECA State Advisor, Erin Weisgerber. E-mail: erinweisgerber@yahoo.com.**

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Family and Consumer Sciences educators continued to work on Big Sky Pathways in December by attending workshops in Fairmont in conjunction with post-secondary programs at Gallatin College Programs in Bozeman. FCS educators continued to build and improve pathways in the following areas:

- Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
 - Interior Design

Currently, FCS educators are busy working on completing and submitting Big Sky Pathways for approval for the 2012-2013 school year. Family and Consumer Science Programs offer Big Sky Pathways in conjunction with the listed post-secondary partners in the following areas:

- Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
 - Gallatin College Programs
 - MSU College of Technology Great Falls
- Hospitality & Tourism
 - Flathead Valley Community College
 - UM College of Technology Missoula
- Human Services
 - Dawson Community College
 - Flathead Valley Community College

Montana FCCLA advisers and members are getting registered and prepared to attend the 65th annual Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference "Lights, Camera, Take Action" held in Billings during March 25 – 27. Members will compete in competitive events with the opportunity to qualify for the national conference later this summer as well as received leadership training and career exploration.

Montana FCCLA's State Outreach Project for this year is the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Montana. Chapters from around the state have been fundraising for this great organization with the goal of raising at least \$12,000 before March 1. To read more about the work being done at the chapter level, read the news articles shared and posted on the Montana FCCLA Facebook page.

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Health Sciences Education

2012 MedStart

Applications are now available online - visit www.mtahec.org to download. All applications must be postmarked by March 16, 2012 to be considered. Please help to spread the word to current sophomores and juniors.

There will be four camps for the Summer 2012:

- Billings - MSU-B Campus: June 24th-29th, 2012
- Missoula - U of M Campus: June 24th-29th, 2012
- Bozeman - MSU Campus: June 24th-30th, 2012
- Great Falls - University of Great Falls Campus: July 8th-13th, 2012



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MedStart Summer Camp is an AHEC funded program designed to encourage junior and senior high school students to pursue their interest in a variety of healthcare careers. AHEC focuses on accepting students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, low-income families, rural areas, minorities, or will be first in their family to attend college. The aim of MedStart is to provide students who may not otherwise have the opportunity a chance to further explore healthcare careers, learn about college life, and realize it is possible to pursue higher education. Students often think of healthcare as including only "doctors and nurses" and MedStart tries to break down that stereotype by educating students on the large variety of high skill, high paid, high demand careers available in the healthcare industry. MedStart is completely free of charge to the students.

Montana HOSA

State Leadership Conference

The Montana HOSA State Officers and State Advisor are busy planning the State Leadership Conference which will take place in Helena March 22 – 24, 2012. The conference will consist of competitive events, educational symposiums, keynote speakers, and plenty of time to get to know other HOSA members from across the state!

New Chapters

We have added HOSA chapters in Bigfork and Whitefish thanks to great partnerships with Kalispell Regional Medical Center and North Valley Hospital. Rhonda White will serve as the Bigfork Advisor and Colleen Sullivan will serve as the Whitefish Advisor...welcome!

Graduation Matters

Montana HOSA and the South Central Montana AHEC have partnered with Graduation Matters, a statewide effort to ensure that Montana's public schools are meeting the goal of graduating more students ready for college and careers. Both Montana HOSA and the South Central Montana AHEC believe in the importance of high school graduation and we are working to promote healthcare careers as options available to students after graduation. Students can "take the pledge" to graduate at <http://gmm.mt.gov/>. **Montana HOSA information submitted by State HOSA Advisor, Bergen Morehouse Phone: 406.683.2790 E-mail: bergen@mtha.org.**

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